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OF THE
NOVA SCOTIAN INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE.

Confirmed at a General Meeting of the Institute, held on the thirty-first day of December, 1862.

THAT a Society be formed under the name of "THE NOVA SCOTIAN INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE."

That the Institute be governed by a Council, composed of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Secretaries, and eight members, to be elected annually at a general meeting of the Institute.

That monthly meetings be held for the purpose of reading papers upon, and discussing matters relating to Natural Science.

That during the year the Institute hold four field meetings, at such places as may be determined on.

That the Institute undertake the publication of lists of the various natural productions of the Province, with such observations as their respective authors may deem necessary.

That as far as the funds of the Institute will permit, the President's address, the list of native productions, and a selection of the papers read at the meetings by members, be published as the "Transactions of the Nova Scotian Institute of Natural Science," and distributed gratuitously to the members.

OF THE ELECTION AND ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

I.—Every candidate for admission as a member shall be proposed and recommended by two or more members, who shall, at a general meeting of the Institute, cause to be delivered to the Secretary a paper, signed by themselves, specifying the Christian name, surname, and the usual place of residence of such person.

II.—That members be elected by the Council.

III.—Every person chosen a member shall have immediate notice of his election given to him by the Secretary.

IV.—No person elected shall be admitted a member of the Institute until he shall have paid his admission fee.

OF THE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE MEMBERS.

I.—Every member elected shall, before he be admitted, pay to the use of the Institute the sum of **TWENTY SHILLINGS** for his admission fee, and a further sum of **TEN SHILLINGS** per annum, to be due and payable at each anniversary meeting for the year preceding.

II.—If any member's admission fee or annual payment remain unpaid three months after becoming due, and after notice of the same has been given him by the Secretary, it will be presumed that he no longer desires to be a member, and his name will be erased from the list of the members of the Institute.

OF THE ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL AND OFFICERS.

I.—Every member of the Institute residing within the Province, and whose residence may be known to the Secretary, shall be summoned to the anniversary meetings for electing the Council and Officers for the year ensuing, by a letter signed by the Secretary, and such summons shall be sent to the place of residence of every such member a fortnight at the least before the election, which is directed to take place on the second Wednesday of October in each year. The anniversary meeting shall also be advertised in two or more of the public newspapers at least a fortnight before the same take place.

II.—The election of the Council and Officers of the Institute shall be made by ballot, each member present placing in the ballot-box a paper on which shall be written the names of the gentlemen he desires to be elected, and the President or Vice-

President in the chair shall read the lists so given in, and declare the names of the gentlemen for whom there shall be a majority of votes, and the same shall be declared duly elected.

III.—The duties of the Council and Officers of the preceding year shall terminate at the conclusion of the anniversary meeting.

OF THE PATRON.

I.—That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, for the time being, be requested to become the Patron of the Institute.

OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS.

I.—The business of the President or Vice-Presidents shall be to preside in all the meetings, and regulate all the debates of the Institute, Council, and Committees; to state and put questions, which shall have been moved and seconded, both in the affirmative and negative, according to the sense and intention of the meetings; to call for reports and accounts from Committees and others; to check irregularities, and to keep all persons in the meetings to order; to cause all extraordinary meetings of the Council and Committee to be summoned when necessary, and, generally, to execute, or see to the execution of the statutes and bye-laws of the Institute.

II.—That at the close of each year, and upon, or immediately before the day of the anniversary meeting, the President be requested to favor the Institute with an address, containing a written summary of its proceedings at the several field and other meetings, with such observations as he may deem conducive to the welfare of the Institute and the promotion of its objects.

OF THE TREASURER AND HIS ACCOUNTS.

I.—The Treasurer shall receive for the use of the Institute all sums of money due or payable to the Institute, and out

of such money shall pay and disburse all sums of money which may be due from or payable by the Institute, and shall keep particular accounts of all such receipts and payments.

II.—Every sum of money payable on account of the Institute, amounting to TWO POUNDS or upwards, shall be paid by order of the Council, signed by the President or Vice-President in the chair, and registered by the Secretary.

III.—The accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited annually, a short time preceding the anniversary meeting, by a Committee consisting of three members of the Institute, of whom one shall be a member of the Council. The report of the said auditors shall be laid before the Institute upon the day of the anniversary meeting, stating not only the balance in the Treasurer's hands, but also the general state of the funds of the Institute.

OF THE SECRETARIES.

I.—The Secretaries shall, subject to the direction of the Council, have the general management of the business of the Institute.

OF THE GENERAL AND ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE INSTITUTE.

I.—The general or ordinary meetings of the Institute shall be held on the first Monday in each month, to begin at eight o'clock in the evening.

II.—In case of the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside at every general meeting; and if neither the President nor either of the Vice-Presidents be present, then the chair shall be taken by some member of the Council who may be present.

III.—The business of the Institute in the meetings shall be, to read and hear letters, reports, and other papers on subjects of Natural Science, and also to view such specimens of the productions of nature as shall be presented.

IV.—Members notifying the discovery of new species shall be requested to deposit a typical specimen with the Institute.

V.—Whenever, at a general meeting, the votes for or against a question proposed shall be found to be equal, in case the question do not relate to an election, the President, Vice-President, or member of Council in the chair, shall have a double vote.

OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

I.—The Council shall meet at such times as shall be appointed by the President, or in his absence by one of the Vice-Presidents ; due and sufficient notice of each meeting being previously sent to every member of the Council.

II.—The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at every meeting of the Council.

III.—The papers read at the meetings of the Institute shall be referred to the Council, who shall determine respecting their publication ; and the Council shall have power to refer them to be reported upon, to any competent person, although he may not be a member of Council.

OF THE FIELD MEETINGS.

I.—The Institute shall during the year hold four Field meetings, at such places and at such times as may be determined by a Committee appointed at the anniversary meeting. Timely notice of such meetings will be given to the members by circular from the Secretary. Members shall defray their own expenses.

OF THE MANNER OF PUBLICATION OF THE PAPERS LAID BEFORE THE INSTITUTE.

I.—The transactions and other publications of the Institute shall be printed, at such times and in such manner as the Council for the time being shall direct.

